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## <u>UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116</u>

Dear Sir:

The following Response is submitted in response to a Final Office Action mailed on November 28, 2007. The three-month shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire on February 28, 2008. Applicant considers this Response as timely submitted within the shortened statutory reply period. However, if any extension period is required in order for this paper to be timely filed, then Applicant hereby requests an extension for such additional time period and authorizes the appropriate fees therefore to be charged to the Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.